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The Newsletter for Marshall University April 15, 2015

Alumni Association to host annual Alumni Weekend festivities April 24-25



Marshall University and the Marshall University Alumni Association will host its annual Alumni Weekend, April 24-25, with a variety of events held throughout the weekend, all leading up to the 78th annual Alumni Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

“Marshall University’s Alumni Weekend is a unique opportunity to bring alumni and friends of Marshall University together for a weekend of fellowship and celebration of the many memories made right here in Huntington,” said Matt Hayes, executive director of alumni relations. “This is our opportunity to recognize and honor the achievements of our notable alumni, while giving them an opportunity to reflect on their time here at Marshall and to see the great strides the university has made over the past few years. We look forward to welcoming alumni of all ages to Alumni Weekend 2015.”

The 2015 edition of Marshall University’s Alumni Weekend will include a number of events held on and around campus, including dinner theatre, a special breakfast honoring the Class of 1965, the Green and White spring football game and the Alumni Awards Banquet.

Among the many special honorees in attendance at this year’s event will be Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, deputy commander of the U.S. Pacific Command, who has been named recipient of the Marshall University Distinguished Alumnus Award, MUAA’s highest honor.

Other award recipients include Dr. Elizabeth Murray, recipient of the Distinguished Service to Marshall Award, Melissa Browning, recipient of the Community Service Award, and a number of additional honorees including MUAA Club of the Year, scholarship awards and awards from many of Marshall University’s colleges.

“My wife and I are very much looking forward to the entire Alumni Weekend experience,” Crutchfield said. “We are very honored by this award and we look forward to returning to campus and reuniting with our Marshall family.”

The Marshall University Alumni Weekend will kick off on Friday, April 24 with a dinner theatre in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre inside the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by Marshall Theatre's production of "Clybourne Park."

Alumni Weekend will continue on Saturday, April 25, with a Class Breakfast honoring the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1965, plus those who graduated prior to 1965 as members of the Grand Class. Breakfast and a special presentation will begin at 9 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Marshall University Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

Also on Saturday, April 25, alums will have an opportunity to participate in the Fountain Ceremony on the Memorial Student Center Plaza at 11 a.m., followed by the Marshall Thundering Herd Green and White spring football game at 2 p.m.

The weekend will conclude with the banquet honoring distinguished alumni and friends on Saturday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Tickets to the annual Alumni Weekend are available online at www.HerdAlum.com or by calling ext.6-3134. For more information, visit the MUAA website at www.HerdAlum.com or e-mail alumni@marshall.edu.

Photo: Gen. Anthony Crutchfield will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the banquet April 25.

Presidential search committee meets to review candidate pool



Marshall University's presidential search committee met Monday in executive session on the Huntington campus to review candidate materials and determine a select field of applicants for preliminary interviews.

Board of Governors Chairman Michael G. Sellards is leading the search committee. He said consultants with AGB Search Inc. forwarded the resumes of more than 50 candidates to the committee last week.

"I speak for the entire search committee when I say we are extremely pleased with the depth and diversity of the candidate pool," he continued. "In particular, there are a number of high-quality candidates who have the desired combination of a strong academic background and experience in institutional financial management."

“The strength of the candidate pool is, of course, a reflection of the quality of our institution, our strong foundation and our enormous potential for continued momentum and growth.”

Sellards said the committee will invite a select number of candidates to meet for private, off-campus interviews in the next couple of weeks.

“At this point, confidentiality is especially crucial to ensure the strongest candidates continue in this process,” he added.

Following the off-site interviews, he said the committee expects to narrow the field further and bring three or four finalists to campus for interviews in May. The names of the finalists will be announced in advance and opportunities will be provided for the university community and other constituents to meet with them and to provide feedback to the search committee.

Sellards thanked the university community for the extensive input provided to help shape the criteria outlined in the [advertisement and position profile](#).

“The search committee will continue to closely follow the profile in evaluating candidates,” he said.

He also expressed appreciation to the members of the search committee for the considerable time and care they have given to building the candidate pool and to the ongoing work of rigorous evaluation of applicants.

Sellards said the search is progressing on schedule, adding, “We continue to anticipate the selection will be made no later than June and the new president will be on board in time for the start of the fall semester.”

The search committee welcomes comments from members of the university community and can be reached at president@marshall.edu.

A website also has been established at www.marshall.edu/presidential-search to make information available as the search for the institution’s 37th president proceeds. The site features an online feedback form for people to provide input.

Photo: Michael G. Sellards is chairing the search committee for Marshall’s next president.

INTO Project Showcase taking place today

INTO Project Showcase, which demonstrates the semester-long group projects of INTO Marshall Academic English students, is taking place today until 5 p.m. in the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre. The INTO Project Showcase has been held every semester since last spring.

With this semester’s theme of “change,” student projects will be examining change in several areas ranging from globalization to peer pressure. INTO faculty, staff and students are inviting the Marshall and Huntington communities to come and see the students present and discuss their projects.

Four INTO employees are visiting the Huntington campus this week and will be attending several events including the showcase.

Noted Lincoln scholar to speak at next Amicus Curiae Lecture



Dr. Lucas Morel, professor of ethics and politics and head of the politics department at Washington and Lee University, will be the featured speaker at the next Amicus Curiae Lecture at Marshall University.

The next installment of the Amicus Curiae Lecture Series, sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in the Foundation Hall, Home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

Morel originally was scheduled to speak on Feb. 19, but bad weather forced postponement of his lecture until April 16. The lecture is titled, "War and Remembrance in Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address."

Morel, a noted Lincoln scholar, is the author of *Lincoln's Sacred Effort: Defining Religion's Role in American Self-Government* (2000), and is the editor of *Ralph Ellison and the Raft of Hope: A Political Companion to Invisible Man* (2004). His newest book, *Lincoln and the American Founders*, will be published by Southern Illinois University Press as part of its Concise Lincoln Library series.

As Morel describes, "Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address is most famous for its closing exhortation, 'With malice toward none, with charity for all,' but the bulk of his 700-word speech was devoted not to the president's plans for the future but to a recollection of the past. Lincoln offered an interpretation of the war and slavery as a way to reunite the divided nation."

Describing the speech, Morel said, "The war's devastation, Lincoln supposed, was God's punishment for the national sin of slavery, and the eradication of the American slavery — and not simply the preservation of the Union — was a just outcome of the conflict. Only with a common memory of the nation's greatest trial could Americans have any hope that Reconstruction would succeed. The refusal to accept Lincoln's reading of the war postponed America's 'new birth of freedom' for almost a century."

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is supported by a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

'Spring Fling' taking place at the library tomorrow

As part of the Marshall University Libraries' yearlong effort to encourage faculty, staff and students to read for pleasure and knowledge, a Spring Fling open house will take place tomorrow, Thursday, April 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of Morrow Library. The Marshall community is encouraged to explore the treasures of the University Special Collections department

There will be refreshments and prizes. More information on MU Reads is at <http://libguides.marshall.edu/content.php?pid=559846>.

Marshall Family Medicine to co-sponsor global health conference

The Department of Family and Community Health at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, in collaboration with academic partners University of Louisville, University of Kentucky and University of Cincinnati Schools of Medicine, will kick off the 6th annual Global Health Conference Friday, April 17, at the University of Louisville's Shelby Campus.

The conference, "Global Health Hits Home: Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to Public Health Challenges, Ebola and Beyond," is open to physicians, allied health care providers, public health scientists, nurses, students, postdoctoral trainees and medical residents/fellows.

Dr. John Walden, professor emeritus in the department of family medicine, says Marshall's longtime commitment to global health is a cornerstone of its program and the sponsorship of the global health conference is a natural fit.

"Opportunities we offer, like our international health residency track, health policy track and even the nation's first wilderness medicine track, attract residents and medical students from around the country to our training programs and in many cases, they stay here in Appalachia to practice medicine," Walden said. "We are so pleased to co-sponsor this important event and are hopeful we will host it next year."

Reminder: Empty Bowls event to take place April 17



Raising more than one million meals worth of donations for the local food bank just isn't enough. Unfortunately, there are still many mouths to be fed in our Tri-State region.

Join us for yet another year from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015, at First Presbyterian Church to peruse hundreds of beautiful pottery pieces—our empty bowls—which have been hand-crafted by Marshall University art students and local artisans. Purchase a bowl and speak with student

potters while they carefully wrap your purchase for easy transport.

Each \$15 bowl purchase also includes one ticket to the soup-kitchen style meal of soup, bread and drink. Luckily, the company is often jovial and the soups are delicious, which makes it easier to forget that the modest portions and single-file line aren't your run-of-the-mill lunch out.

This collaboration of many serves one purpose: to feed many more. All proceeds benefit Facing Hunger Foodbank, a Huntington-based non-profit that serves 113,500 food insecure individuals in 17 counties across West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio.

Visit www.marshall.edu/emptybowls for more information.

This initiative would be unlikely without the partnerships of Marshall University, Keramos Potters' Guild, other local artisans, Christian Associates, B'nai Shalom Congregation and First Presbyterian Church, and without the donations from more than two dozen local individuals and businesses, yet it would be impossible without you.

Opera Theatre to present Opera Gala

Marshall University Opera Theatre will present its spring Opera Gala "From Vienna to Broadway" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, in Smith Recital Hall.

"It will be a grand night for singing," said Linda Dobbs, director of the Opera Gala. "I hope many will come to hear Marshall University's talented students perform favorites from a music theatre tradition that spans over two hundred years."

The semi-staged concert features arias and scenes from grand opera including Mozart's "The Impresario," "Bizet's Carmen," and Rossini's "La Cenerentola" (Cinderella) as well as songs from the musicals "Shenandoah," "Candide," "Songs for a New World," "Little Women," and "A Little Night Music."

For more information about the Opera Gala, contact Dobbs at ext.6-2347.

English teaching group to meet on South Charleston campus Saturday

English language teachers from West Virginia and surrounding states will gather in South Charleston on Saturday, April 18, when the West Virginia Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (WVTESOL) hosts its 18th Annual Spring Conference.

English language educators from the public school system, adult and literacy education programs, and higher education programs will be hosted by the Graduate ESL program on Marshall University's South Charleston campus.

"All those who work with English language learners or who are interested in working with learners in programs that serve non-native English speakers are invited to attend," said Dr. Beth Campbell, assistant professor of elementary and secondary education at Marshall, who is also the WVTESOL vice president and conference chair.

Conference attendees will come away with new ideas to implement in the classroom and will have a special opportunity to learn more about using technology with English language learners from Claire Bradin Siskin, a member of the International Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL) Board of Directors, who will give the plenary address and offer an additional workshop for attendees.

Siskin is a practitioner of computer-assisted language learning (CALL). She has given presentations and workshops in 17 countries and recently returned from a 10-month term as a Senior English Language Fellow in India. Before that, she directed the ESL Writing Online Workshop project at Excelsior College in Albany, New York. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of TESOL. She is a past chair of the Executive Board of the Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium. She has served on the editorial boards of both Computer Assisted Language Learning Journal and CALICO Journal.

"Conference attendees always come away from the annual conference energized by the new ideas and research presented by their colleagues," said Katie Mehle, WVTESOL president. "The schedule for 2015 should provide a little bit of something for educators in any interest area."

The theme of the conference is "Exploring Beneath the Tip of the Iceberg: Cross-Cultural Communication, Technology, Public Policy, and Standards," which focuses on how TESOL professionals must look more deeply into these current issues in the field of English language teaching.

Conference organizers encourage educators and community advocates to register in advance for the event, but walk-ins are welcome as well. Visit www.tesolwv.org for details and to register for the 2015 conference.

WVTESOL is a professional organization for those who teach English as a second language. The group seeks to strengthen ESL teaching, promote research, and provide opportunities to share ideas with other ESL professionals in West Virginia. WVTESOL is an official affiliate of the international organization, TESOL.

Marshall Chamber Choir to perform free concert

The Marshall University Chamber Choir, under the direction of Dr. David Castleberry, will present a concert of choral music spanning five centuries at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 19, in Smith Recital Hall.

The performance will feature music from the choir's recent concert tour to Atlanta and includes sacred music, folk songs and new compositions. Selections include music of Mozart, Brahms, Ravel and many others, while the program's centerpiece is a set of songs by American composer Jeffrey Van, who set four poems by Walt Whitman to music for choir and guitar.

Dr. Julio Alves, guitarist, who accompanied the choir on tour in these selections, will join the group for this performance as well.

"These are beautiful, emotionally powerful pieces that the choir and our audiences have found particularly meaningful," Castleberry said.

The Chamber Choir is a select group of 31 singers who have traveled and recorded extensively. In the spring of 2016, the choir plans a 12-day performance tour to Spain.

The concert is free and open to the public.

Marshall to host information security conference

The AIDE Digital Forensics and Information Security Conference will take place April 20, 22, 23 and 24 in the Marshall University Forensics Science Center. The conference is approved for 25 hours of West Virginia Law Enforcement in-service credits.

Topics to be covered include:

- One-day advance wireless network investigation course from the NW3C;
- Digital forensics speakers from the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit, Cellebrite, NUIX, Magnet Forensics, Purdue University, and the National White Collar Crime Center;
- Presentations on securing quantum computing, low-tech threats to the power grid, how the justice system is dealing with the hacktivist group Anonymous, and much more; and
- Presentations from top information security researchers including key note speeches from David Kennedy and Jayson Street.

Registration can be done online at <http://www.appyite/events/>

New minor in film studies to begin this fall

Beginning in Fall 2015, a new interdisciplinary minor in film studies will be available at Marshall University, according to Dr. Walter Squire, assistant professor of English.

Composed of courses in the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Arts and Media, the film studies minor will educate students in the analysis, evaluation and production of dynamic visual texts. The minor will provide students opportunities to discover how a variety of film-based texts are created, communicate and interact with almost all human endeavors, according to Squire.

“The minor encourages students to explore a diversity of visual texts, elements of production and interrelationships between film and culture,” he said. “Some of the film studies offerings for Fall 2015 include courses on acting, digital media, James Bond, Japanese film, Latin American film, photography, stage lighting and television.”

The film studies program will also serve Marshall and the Huntington community through sponsoring visiting filmmakers and film scholars, screenings of independent films, student film festivals and outreach programs to local schools and communities.

For more information about the film studies minor, contact Squire at squirew@marshall.edu.

The next issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed April 22, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, April 20.